(d) the immediate steps which would be taken by Government to compulsory withdraw the services of such people who are harming interests of small companies; and

(e) the reasons for not taking action so far?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Maritime Administration headed by Directorate General of Shipping is already empowered to take such steps as deemed fit in order to cut delays at Mercantile Marine Department level and to seek outside opinion, if necessary, for taking a view on overruling impeding orders.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Construction of flyover

2550. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the construction of fly-over to connect Devanahalli proposed International Airport with Bangalore-Hyderabad National Highway by the National Highways Authority of India;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the above project;

(c) whether Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to take up the above work by the National Highways Authority of India; and

(d) what is the present status of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 39.10 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Detailed Project Report (DPR) for taking up the project on Built, Operate and Transfer basis is in advanced stage of preparation.

Development of roads near Bangalore

2551. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India is examining proposals to take up development of roads near Bangalore City to ease traffic congestion;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been done in this regard;

(c) the estimated cost of the proposed project; and

(d) what is the present status of the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry is responsible for the development and maintenance of national highways only. The National Highway projects are being taken up by the National Highways Authority of India near Bangalore city to ease traffic congestion. The details of these projects are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Development of roads near Bangalore

Sl. No.	Name of project	Estimated cost (Rs. in Crores)	Status
1	Construction of elevated Highway from Silk Board Junction (8/765) to Electronic City (18/750) and widening of the existing four lane carriageway to six lane with constructions of service road and drain from Km. 18/750 to 33/135	625.00	Letter of Acceptance (LoA) has been issued to the concessionaire